

**CLARK COUNTY
CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
Work Session**

Wednesday, January 8, 2003
6:00 – 9:00 PM
Clark County Fire District 11
21609 NE 72nd Avenue
Battle Ground, Washington

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Present

Cal Ek, Anne Jackson, Dana Kemper, Don Steinke, and Virginia van Breemen

Clark County Clean Water Commission Members Absent

Robbie Agard, Mary Martin, Susan Rassmussen, Judy Schramm and Art Stubbs

Clark County Public Works Staff

Kelli Frost and Earl Rowell

Department of Community Development Staff

Lou Adams, Ron Freer, and Sheila Pendleton-Orme

Mr. Rowell stated that at the completion of the February 2003 meeting Mr. Agard, Mr. Ek and Mr. Kemper's terms would end. Mr. Ek and Mr. Kemper have stated they are resigning from the Commission. Clark County staff will contact Mr. Agard to determine if he would like to serve another term. Beginning with the March 2003 meeting Ms. Jackson will become a voting member of the Clean Water Commission.

Mr. Rowell provided a handout of dates, locations and topics, for 2003 Clean Water Commission Meetings.

At the request of the Clean Water Commission a list of agenda topics covering the last two years and a list of motions for the year 2002 was provided to the Clean Water Commissioners.

Community Development Staff

Mr. Freer, Lead Development Inspector, outlined the duties of the inspectors those include:

- Inspect all privately funded projects, short plats, mine grading permits, and site plans.
- Review plans for erosion control.
- Enforce NPDES erosion control.

The NPDES program provides funding for two inspectors, one for erosion control and one for stormwater. There are currently six inspectors in the field and they spread the responsibility of stormwater and erosion control throughout all six inspectors. Inspectors average 15 – 20 projects and there can be as many as 100 active jobs at any one time. Quarterly and annual reports track the time spent, and how many inspections were done on stormwater and erosion control activities.

Inspectors can write citations if there are minor problems, if there are more serious issues Code Enforcement becomes involved. Over the last two - three years, compliance rates have increased tremendously.

After a project is complete one final erosion control inspection is performed and Code Enforcement determines if the project is acceptable.

Ms. Pendleton-Orme, was the first Code Enforcement officer hired under the NPDES requirements in 1999. There are several issues that Code Enforcement officer's address such as:

- Erosion control
- Stormwater violations
- Water quality violations
- Habitat violations
- Shoreline violations
- Wetland violations

At this time of year erosion control is the biggest issue. During the drier months the focus shifts to habitat or grading violations. Code enforcement officers can perform up to 30 inspections per day. Erosion control officers can but do not issue many citations. The normal course of action is to issue a correction notice, then a stop work order and finally a citation.

One of the primary goals for Code Enforcement officers is education. This is addressed through erosion control certification classes, the watershed stewards program, and on a one-on-one basis.

Lou Adams, Lead Building Inspector stated that there were 18 building inspectors on staff that also perform erosion control inspections. They drive nearly a quarter-million-miles around Clark County each year and have performed over 90,000 inspections in 2002. Building inspectors are instructed to leave a correction notice that must be taken care of within 24 hours. If it's not corrected they will issue a stop work order.

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